



California Department of Veterans Affairs

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CALVET TO HOST 2ND ANNUAL WOMEN VETERANS CONFERENCE "CONTINUING OUR LEGACY: TELLING OUR STORIES" AT THE SHERATON GATEWAY LOS ANGELES HOTEL SEPTEMBER 11 AND 12

EVENT: The California Department of Veterans Affairs will host a two-day conference where women veterans in attendance will receive information regarding their VA benefits, their specific mental health issues, and assistance to further their education needs. Also, CalVet will honor one Northern and one Southern California female veteran with the department's first Woman Veteran of the Year Awards during the conference banquet on Friday, September 11. **An agenda with the list of topics being covered is available at**
www.cdva.ca.gov/Resources/WVConference2009.aspx.

DATE: Friday, September 11 and Saturday, September 12

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day
Women Veterans of the Year Banquet, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Friday, September 11

WOMEN VETERANS OF THE YEAR BANQUET: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel
6101 West Century Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90045

WHO: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs executives, CalVet executive staff, speakers from throughout the U.S., and women veterans

BACKGROUND: The California Department of Veterans Affairs has organized a two-day CalVet Women Veterans Conference in Los Angeles this year to address specific concerns of women veterans. This will be the department's second annual conference held for women veterans.

The 2009 CalVet Women Veterans Conference has as its purpose:

- To provide a network forum for women veterans from all wars, and
- To educate women veterans on their benefits and available health care programs, and
- To provide assistance with employment opportunities, and
- To facilitate an open forum with legislative representatives and women commissions.

Speakers will be representative of all military branches and will address women veteran issues via panel discussions, workshops, and general presentations. Selected women veterans will be honored during a recognition banquet.

This CalVet Women Veterans Conference is open to all women veterans throughout California.

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